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FOREIGN TRADE DIVISION

Each month the Foreign Trade Division of the United States Census Bureau (Census) releases the “U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services “ report which is one of the principal economic indicators for the United States. This report along with other information can be found on our Web site at: www.census.gov/foreign-trade Information available includes:

- “U.S. International Trade in Goods & Services,” current and historical issues
- Information on the Automated Export System (AES)
- Schedule B commodity classification search
- Export and import statistics by country or commodity
- U.S. foreign trade export regulations

Beginning with January 2003 statistics, The Bureau of the Census will release the monthly merchandise trade statistics an average of seven days earlier than the 2002 release dates.

DATA COMPILATION

- Automated Export System (AES)- developed as a joint venture of the U.S. Customs Service, the Census Bureau, other Federal agencies and the exporting community to electronically capture the Shipper’s Export Declaration (SED) information and the Carrier Outbound Manifest data.
 - **AESDirect** - The Census’ free Internet-based system for filing Shipper’s Export Declaration (SED) through the Automated Export System (AES). The AES is an electronic alternative to filing the paper SED. Currently there are 6,636 AESDirect participants.
 - **AESPCLink** - Windows based desktop PC component of the AESDirect Service. AESPCLink allows any AESDirect filer to enter their SEDs off-line and connect to AESDirect using the Internet to submit their SEDs.

DATA QUALITY

In order for Census to accurately analyze, review, correct and publish quality statistics, we continuously interact with other government agencies. Census and USDA have established a working group which established liaisons within each agency, to communicate and attempt to resolve data discrepancies in a timely manner.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our Website at: www.census.gov/foreign-trade
Visit the AES Website at: www.customs.gov/aes or www.aesdirect.gov
Visit NAICS Website at: www.census.gov/naics

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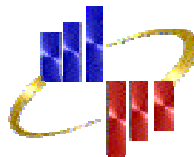
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